Community Challenge Grants

Fosters reform and reduces barriers to achieving affordable, economically vital, and sustainable communities.

Nature of Program: In close partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Community Challenge Grants foster activities that enable the development of affordable, economically vital, and sustainable communities, including modification of local master plans, zoning, and building codes to promote mixed-finance development or re-using older buildings and structures for new programs. Community Challenge grants also support affordable housing through the development and adoption of inclusionary zoning ordinances and other activities to support plan implementation.

Applicant Eligibility: State and local governments, including U.S. territories, tribal governments, political subdivisions of State or local governments, and multi-State or multijurisdictional groupings.

Legal Authority: FY 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Division A, Title II; FY 2011 Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act (Public Law 112-10).

Administering Office: Director for the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410.

Information Source: Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities. On the Web:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/sustainable_housing_communities/HUD-DOT_Community_Challenge_Grants

Current Status: Active, though no new money has been appropriated since FY2010.